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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PL 480 RICE PROGRAM FOR INDONESIA

1. YOU SHOULD CONSULT HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON USG PLANS TO INCLUDE 100,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE (VALUED AT 19.6 MILLION DOLLARS) IN CY 1976 PL 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT WITH INDONESIA. COMMENTS REQUESTED BY COB FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

2. FINANCIAL TERMS INCLUDE FIFTEEN PERCENT INITIAL PAYMENT AND TEN PERCENT CURRENCY USE PAYMENT. BALANCE IS PAYABLE IN 20 ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS FOLLOWING SIX-YEAR GRACE PERIOD. INTEREST WILL BE THREE PERCENT DURING GRACE PERIOD RISING TO FOUR PERCENT THEREAFTER. UMR FOR RICE TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR FIRST TIME IN RECENT HISTORY. PROPOSED LEVEL IS

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200,000 MT.

3. FOR BANGKOK: WHILE STATE 66859 STATES THIS OFFER
WOULD AWAIT OUTCOME NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA, FOR WHICH WE
HAVE REQUESTED INDIAN DECISION BY APRIL 5, WE NOW PLAN TO
PROVIDE AT LEAST 100,000 TONS TO INDONESIA REGARDLESS OF
INDIA'S DECISION. WE HOPE THAT RECENT SUCCESSFUL CON-
CLUSION OF 200,000 TON THAI RICE SALE TO INDONESIA, GENERAL
ARIFIN'S REMARKS TO THAI RE POSSIBLE PL 480 SALE, AND
TIMING OF THIS CONSULTATION WILL MINIMIZE THAI UNHAPPINESS
WITH OUR PROPOSED INDONESIAN PROGRAM.

4. FOR JAKARTA: DETAILS OF BUTZ/ARIFIN CONVERSATION
BEING SENT SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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